

# WWWP Client Assistance Resources

#### FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Community Care / Charity Care / Hardship Funds: Most health care providers have a system in place designed to assist individuals who cannot afford medical services. These programs typically require the client to complete an application including financial and income information. Based on eligibility requirements, which vary from program to program, client charges may be significantly reduced. Information on these programs can be obtained directly from the health care provider's financial office. It is also important to remember that terms of payment can be negotiated with health care providers in advance of services. For example: a client may only be able to afford \$20/month and this can be arranged directly with the provider.

**Medication:** Information on programs for people who cannot afford the drugs they need.

www.needymeds.com www.themedicineprogram.com or call 1-573-966-7300 www.phrma.org/searchcures/dpdpap/ www.bms.com/togetherrx/data

**Transportation:** AVON has funding available through The AVON Cares Program to assist women with transportation, childcare and self-care expenses related to ongoing breast cancer treatment. AVON will send funds directly to the client in need of assistance. Local coordinators can facilitate this resource for clients by calling:

1-800-813-HOPE (4673) www.cancercare.org

The Margot Olmsted Pin Fund: Women enrolled in WWWP who require additional testing (that is not covered by WWWP) may receive limited financial assistance through the Pin Fund. All requests must originate from a local WWWP coordinator and be directed to the Suburban Milwaukee Coordinator, Nancy Rhodes.

1-414-328-7407 nrhodes@usxchange.net

# **HEALTH INFORMATION**

#### General

National Women's Health Information Center 1-800-994-WOMAN www.4woman.gov

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services www.dhfs.state.wi.us

Wisconsin Women's Health Hotline 1-800-218-8408 www.mch-hotlines.org/

Wisconsin Women's Health Information and Resource Directory www.womenshealth.wisc.edu

# **Breast Cancer**

American Cancer Society: Information, resources, guidance, local support groups & transportation assistance. The Navigator Program at ACS serves individuals with a cancer diagnosis by providing one-on-one assistance with navigating the health care system. This assistance includes financial and psychosocial supports.

1-800-ACS-2345. www.cancer.org

Cancer Care: A national, nonprofit organization that helps people with cancer, their families and professional caregivers. Cancer Care provides support, guidance, information and referral free of charge.

1-800-813-HOPE or call 1-212-302-2400 www.cancercare.org

Cancer Information Service: Program of the National Cancer Institute which provides information about cancer and current clinical trials; referral to local screening services; English and Spanish materials.

1-800-4-CANCER

CHESS Information and Support for Women with Breast Cancer: CHESS (Comprehensive Health Enhancement Support System) is an easy to use computer program for women diagnosed with breast cancer. It provides accurate information, plus ask-an-expert and discussion group options.

1-800-361-5481

**National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO):** Information and resources about breast cancer; network of 370 organizations that provide detection, treatment and care to women; locate a support group in your area.

1-800-719-9154 www.nabco.org Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation: Komen Connection is an online resource for information regarding breast health programs, print materials and videotapes. Includes materials appropriate for African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latina, Native American women and lesbians.

www.breastcancerinfo.com

Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition: advocacy for funding for breast cancer research and comprehensive insurance; promotion of legislation beneficial to breast cancer issues; improves access to cancer screening and diagnosis:

1-888-295-2622 www.natlbcc.org

**Y-ME:** Information and referral, support to women with breast cancer; information for women of color, lesbians, older women, economically disadvantaged; 24 hour hotline staffed by breast cancer survivors:

1-800-221-2141

### Other Internet Sites:

Avon Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade Cancernet Oncolink Dr. Susan Love

www.avon.com www.nci.nih.gov www.Oncolink.upenn.edu www.susanlovemd.com

# **Depression and Other Mental Health**

For concerns regarding depression or other mental health problems contact:

- u A local suicide hotline or physician
- u A county mental health center
- u A outpatient psychiatric clinic
- u A social service agency

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Wisconsin 1-800-236-2988

National Crisis Help Line 1-800-999-9999

National Institute of Mental Health Depression Awareness, Recognition and Treatment Program.

1-800-421-4211

#### **Diabetes**

American Diabetes Association 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) www.diabetes.org National Diabetes Education Program 1-800-438-5383 www.ndep.nih.gov

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse 301-654-3327 www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/ndic.htm

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases 1-800-GET-LEVEL www.niddk.nih.gov

Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
1-608-261-6855
www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/diabetes/index.html

# **Domestic Abuse**

Refer to Local Services

National Domestic Abuse Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE

Native American Statewide Hotline 1-800-236-7660

Refugee Hotline (bilingual Hmong/English) 1-888-345-5898

# Heart Disease, High Blood Pressure, Stroke

American Heart Association 1-800-AHA-USA1 (general heart health/support groups) 1-800-553-6321 (stroke warm line/support groups) www.americanheart.org

# Osteoporosis

National Institue on Aging 1-800-222-2225

National Osteoporosis Foundation 1-800-464-6700 www.nof.org

National Resource Center for Osteoporosis
And Related Bone Disorders
1-800-624-BONE

# Office of Minority Health Resource Center 1-800-444-6472

Older Women's League (OWL) 1-800-825-3695

# Tobacco Use

American Cancer Society 1-800-ACS-2345 www.cancer.org

American Heart Association 1-800-AHA-USA1 www.americanheart.org

American Lung Association 1-800-586-4872 www.lungusa.org/tobacco/

Wisconsin Tobacco Control Program
1-608-266-2206
www.dhfs.state.wi.us/health/TobaccoControl/index.html

# **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Local WWWP coordinating agencies or health care providers may apply for additional funding to enhance local program operations and services.

Avon Breast Care Fund 1-212-244-5368 www.avonbreastcare.org

Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation 1-800-462-9273 www.breastcancerinfo.com